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## CRIME HAS INCREASED.

The following, taken from the Winston-Salem Journal, is a fair sample of similar articles appearing in the press of the State almost daily. The condition of such affairs has reached a point where citizens should wake up and examine more closely into the reasons. The Journal says:

"Crime has increased in North Carolina. Only the other night a gentleman at Washington was assassinated. He was shot down in cold blood. The assassin will plead insanity, probably and smart lawyers will likely save his life. Every citizen of the State, however, should make up his mind to be a better citizen and should use his influence toward law enforcement. Such a sentiment can be created that a criminal will hesitate long before he will commit offense against the people who compose the State. Every good citizen should do all in his power to increase respect for law, to the end that North Carolina may be held up as a mirror."

The prompt and full execution of the laws would do much to abate, if not fully stop it. Quickest arrest of offenders; a fair trial, without the appealing of to such absurd defenses as "confusional insanity," whereby, in one instance, at least, in this State, a man was declared sane before the crime was committed, crazy when he pumped bullets into his helpless victim, and then immediately sane again and free to go at large; the vigilance of the people's chosen officers of the law, all should be expected and what is more, insisted upon.

To a large extent, there lies much of the evil. It was recently stated in the public press that a serious murder was first called to the attention of the officers of the law by the newspapers. In that same locality, the people, irrespective of party, rendered almost desperate at the prevalence of crime and the seeming negligence of the officers, passed resolutions "respectfully requesting" that the officers do their duty and put an end to the series of outrages that had been committed in their midst. In to-day's issue, it is told in the press dispatches that a sheriff, when asked if men concerned in a serious shooting affair had been arrested, replied, no "but that he expected them to come in and surrender." And read in these columns the report of affairs in Wilmington.

Amazing conditions for our State. And what is the remedy? Elect to office men in whom you can have confidence, men who will do their full duty, who will not devote their whole time to their petty political affairs, but will pay heed to the needs of the people. For twelve years the Democratic party has controlled this State. Upon them must be placed the responsibility. Are they worthy of further confidence and the trust of office?

## THE ONLY EFFECTIVE DEMOCRATIC ATTACK.

The organ of the Democratic machine, the Raleigh News and Observer, in an editorial says:

"The Oklahoma Republicans endorsed the Aldrich-Payne tariff and Mr. Taft is happy." Oklahoma Republicans will endorse any old thing that the patronage dispensers ask them to endorse. They are like North Carolina Republicans—out for a piece of pie."

This, and the other charge that every Republican convention is packed with Federal office-holders, and that every nominee of the party for Congress or for a State office is simply a candidate for a Federal job, is the only effective charge which the Democratic machine can make against the Republican party. This makes it perfectly clear why the Democratic machine is attacking Morehead and Grant, and want men like Adams and Duncan to stay at the head of the Republican patronage machine.

The next Republican State Convention must decide whether the party shall go forward and win a grand and lasting State victory, or whether the machine bosses shall continue to run it as a close corporation and a patronage machine trust.

## IT MAY BE A DEMOCRATIC TRICK

Look at your tax receipt and see if your poll tax is included—we are informed that some have gotten tax receipts which did not have the poll tax thereon. This may be a Democratic trick.

## THE POLITICAL MACHINE MUST GO.

"The signs of the times" are pointing to the end of the political machine, of both parties. In Wake County is seen an evidence of it. The county Democratic machine long used to power and seemingly drunk with it, has made refusal to the just demands of the voters of its party in the same way that caused the disruption of the city machine here last spring.

The true remedy for the voter lies in ousting the Democratic machine party and branch. The Republican party never had a better chance to appeal to the electorate in county and State than at the present time. But to do it successfully, we must go before the people with clean hands. We must offer them something better than they have been getting. We cannot go with a "ring" of our own, who, if they cannot rule, must ruin. Let us send to our county convention our best and most representative men, who will not be controlled by reason of their being beholden to some petty "boss" who owns their jobs.

If the Republican party of Wake County will awaken now to its chance, it can win. Between now and convention, if you have the best interests of the party at heart, get active. See that your representatives to the convention are those on whom you and the party can rely.

Mr. M. L. Shipman has been elected chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the Tenth Congressional District. Mr. Shipman is Commissioner of Labor and Printing, with headquarters in Raleigh, and it is very evident Mr. Shipman will have to neglect his duties as Commissioner of Labor, for which he is drawing money from the taxpayers, or he will have to neglect his duties as Democratic chairman.

Now, which do you suppose he will neglect?

Judge E. B. Jones, of Winston, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fifth District. Dr. Geo. A. Mebane, of Spray, and Gen. B. S. Roster, of Oxford, are also in the running—with others to be heard from. The Wilmington Star, commenting on the Democratic situation in the Fifth District, says:

"But of course it wasn't to be expected that there wouldn't be enough candidates for the nomination to make the race interesting. It will soon be time also for the Congressional candidates to be saying something about what they believe in."

And judging from past performances in that District, the candidates will also have something to say about each other.

Mr. S. H. Farabee, formerly editor of the Winston Journal, has gone to Charlotte as city editor of the Charlotte News.

Mr. Farabee is an excellent newspaper man and the News is very fortunate in securing his services. He is courteous and affable, and an all-round good fellow.

The North Carolina Republicans were found right where everybody expected them to be found.—Durham Herald.

Well, that is more than can be said of the Democratic Congressmen, for you can never tell what position they will take on any question.

A recent issue of the Charlotte Observer says:

"Whatever this year's acreage, thinks the Wall Street Journal, probably nothing less than a crop of fourteen million bales could bring cotton down to ten cents a pound for 1910-1911. And a crop of fourteen million bales is not at all likely."

There is probably nothing that could bring down the price of cotton to ten cents, except the election of a Democratic Congress—which is not at all probable.

"It will have to be admitted that the Democrats are behaving very nice about that vacant judgeship.—Durham Herald."

"Indeed, they are, as they should. The contest for the honor is among gentlemen of ability and character, and it is not surprising that they conduct themselves with credit.—Winston-Salem Journal."

Do these facts make the Democrats ineligible for the office?

Once again the "country voter" gets it in the neck from the Wake County House Ring. Their request for a second primary was hooted down because their spokesman was suspected of wanting to run for office. No candidates need apply who have not the endorsement of those now in power at the courthouse.

If you have not already paid your poll tax for 1909, don't fail to pay it before May 1st, so you can vote in the election this fall.

## WHAT ARE THE FACTS.

Why does the News and Observer, the Democratic machine organ, seek every opportunity to misrepresent and attack Congressman Morehead, and at the same time to magnify the importance of the Republican patronage machine bosses?

Every Democrat and every Republican would do well to find his own answer to this question.

The truth is mighty and it will prevail if the facts are known.

The Statesville Landmark, referring to the increase in crimes in this State, says:

"How many homicides in North Carolina in a week? If an accurate list could be made, the weekly average would startle thinking people."

## LETTER FROM SIMON SLUGGER.

He Writes an Interesting Letter to His Uncle Lige, and Incidentally Mentions the Political Situation in Eastern Carolina.

Tairshirt, N. C.,  
Duplin County,  
March 21, 1910.

My Dear Uncle Lige,  
Kilkaney, N. C.

I take this evening to let you hear from me. I give you part of the news up and round. I want to know how many mink coons possums and other varmints you have ketches down there. Minks is worth \$5 & \$6 & all hides is high. Coons & possums is good to eat so salt um down & bring um home.

Well Uncle Lige, Albert Miller is got the post office agin 4th time, 16 years on the stretch, I don't see why they didn't sell it to him for life.

Uncle Lige they say thers an Eastern Carolina Dunkey by some means got in the White house & they say he kicked & pawed till he got the tention of the big boss & tha put ther heds together & pointed one Konner for judge this same Judge Konner done all he could to keep this big boss from getting in the White house this same misplaced Judge aint got no respect for the party you see the first big juicy plum he got he told Tom Jarvis to open his big mouth and he chuged it down and I hope every plum he can reach will go to the strongest Democrat he can find, tha say these little flee-bitten post masters no this Dunkey as ther boss and he reappoints only those who will abjectly lick the hand of the "boss."

Tha say po old Albert Miller has coughed up a lot fur Mars Karl's newspaper course tha will put up more when Mars Karl cracks his whip. Fur only death can persuade us Republicans to turn loose a good juicy plum. Uncle Lige do you no this Bobbie Hancock up New Bern. He wants the Newbern postoffice, but the good people of all cullers & partys see he shant have it, it was about the same way by Miller, but the people be d—, with Mars Karl I'm Monarch of eastern N. C. Tha say two delegations, one Republican and one Democrat, has gone to see the big boss and beg him not to point Bobbie Hancock, but tha say Mars Karl is going to give it to one Eddie Medows, Hancock's brother in law, so Bobbie can get the money, you see Eddie is rich & dont need it. Uncle Lige this Bobbie Hancock is the same feller that Govenor Russel made president of the Mullet railroad and later Govenor Russel kicked him out of office for certain indecencies, and this act deserves a place on Govenor Russels tombstone if he is got any.

Uncle Lige tha say this Bobbie Hancock once got on a table in a Nigger Convention & giv out Hang Jeff Davis on a sour apple tree, and he and the Niggers to ther joy and hand clapping sung it to a finish. I hant no use fur him since and I am a better Republican than he is. Uncle Lige tha say when a Buzzard has an occasion to pass over New Bern he has to hold his or her nose. Uncle Lige do you no Teddy's post office; tha say he's in Africa some wher. I want to write him & tel him about these didoes.

Uncle Lige, I've just begun telling you about these Farraseecic Republicans, so if you want to no it all jest drap me a kaint.

I hope you is improved in spelling. Your loving niece,  
SIMON SLUGGER.  
P. S.—I was over to LeGrange yesterday. I see Miller poked up the strongest Democrat he could git as his clerk, thers some mad Rads round ther, specially them fellows Mars Karl turned down, But I told um to bare it best tha could. S. S.

Boys Corn Contest.  
Interest in The Caucasian Boys' Corn Contest continues to grow. Many entries are being made and the boys each seem determined to win the prize offered by The Caucasian, which is a free trip to Washington so that he can personally receive the prize offered by the United States Department of Agriculture and at the same time have an enjoyable outing to the nation's capital.

Mr. O. C. Shaub, the Department's representatives for North Carolina, is enthusiastic about the energy shown by the boys of this State. In an interview he says: "In some other of the Southern States a prize of a free trip to Washington is being offered similar to the one offered by The Caucasian. I am hopeful that this State will send forward the 'top notch' boy to Washington to receive the diploma for the highest yield of corn produced per acre." The number in this State is already over two thousand and with the extensive plan of meetings to be held, he hopes to more than double that number. Due announcements will be made of the proposed meetings.

Opportunity sooner or later comes to all who work and wish.—Lord Stanley.

## BAD ROADS IN WAKE.

Due to the Management in Dealing With Roads—Persons Forced to Pay Road Tax and Work Roads, Too, if They Are Kept Passable.

To the Editor:—We have just emerged from a season of the worst roads in Wake that it has been my misfortune to know in some years. This condition has been due, in part, to excessive rains and increased traffic, but largely to the method, or lack of method and management, in dealing with the roads. In this the law may also be at fault.

It is not my intention to criticize adversely any individual, but in a general way to point out some defects and to offer, if I may, some helpful suggestions. And what I shall say is in no sense applicable to the building and maintenance of gravel and macadam roads in which I have had no experience and little observation; but I wish to consider only the cross-roads and neighborhood roads—which lie near the homes and hearts of a large majority of the rural citizens of our county. Certainly these roads are entitled to more and better consideration than they received.

The statement has been made and, I think, generally accepted, that there are twenty-five hundred miles of roads within the county. Perhaps not twenty-five miles of this is good macadam roads that will stand traffic for five years. A hundred and twenty-five to fifty miles, perhaps, has received more, or less, attention in grading and graveling. So there must be at least twenty-three hundred of the twenty-five hundred miles badly neglected, or that has received no expert attention, notwithstanding the polls and property along this long neglected mileage pay taxes equal with the more favored sections.

Of course, it is understood that for many years to come there must be favored sections, and these sections must be the approaches to the county-seat and to the leading thoroughfares. "Rome was not built in a day," but much can be done to lessen the toll paid by citizens of the deep rural districts, which is directly chargeable to bad roads.

But, it is averred, that the citizens of these now neglected districts could have better roads if they would take more interests in them. Exactly! And that is the point I am now approaching to show that it is so, why it is so, and the remedy.

To prove that interest is lacking, one has only to travel through the rural districts and observe otherwise beautiful farms marred by this unreasonable neglect. A case in point: A few days ago I was passing by the home of a friend who owns a nice farm, and near the dwelling was a little depression where the water collected. The little ditch, ordinarily sufficient, had filled with trash and ponded the water, and the passing traffic had worn several bad holes. Approaching me the owner, who had been watching me tug through the mud, I asked as pleasantly as I knew how: "Friend, why don't you open the ditch and fill up these holes?" To which he replied: "It's the county's business." "But," I ventured, "I would think you would do it for the sake of your nice farm." "Do nothing of the kind," he replied. "I pay as much taxes and work the road as much as anybody else. It is an extreme case, but it is certain that much of the same spirit pervades the rural districts."

Why does this state of mind exist? For several reasons, perhaps. The people get confused and irritated over the constant changes in the law; they do not become familiar with one before another is presented. I am not charging this to the fault of any law-makers, or advisory committee; for we have all been at seat in this matter. But it is a fact that since the abolition of the old system, in an effort to evolve the best possible plan, we have presented only a kaleidoscopic panorama which changes every time it turns and turns every time the Legislature meets. The reflected scenes are beautiful, but composed only of a few bits of broken glass differently arranged.

Here are some of the changes we have had: While paying taxes all the time we have during one interval required the rural tax-payers between the ages of 21 and 45 to work the road a certain number of days in each year and paid them for it. During another interval we made a like requirement and paid a different per diem, with the option of working or paying a forfeit into the road fund. One interval we hired labor indiscriminately. Now we are requiring our able-bodied rural tax-payers to work four days in each year and pay them nothing for it. This last is the hardest and most unequal proposition we have had. It amounts to an annual poll-tax of \$4.00 per year, allowing \$1.00 per day for labor, in addition to the regular assessment of poll and property tax and in excess of that which is paid by citizens of incorporated towns—and all of this with no perceptible improvement. It is only each time a new turn of the kaleidoscope.

Often times, and it must be so, the men are required to work the road when they have other very important work that needs attention and at times when the road is dry and hard, and little progress can be made, and again much of the work is done to so little purpose—so imperfectly done. With many such obstacles ever in the way there exists naturally a spirit of dissatisfaction among a large class and they put in

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just as little effective work as possible, and this demoralizes the whole force.

## The Suggested Remedy.

Give the kaleidoscope another turn. Change the law so as to pay each man for the four days work done, or let him forfeit a like amount if he fails to work. Have a provision in the law by which a tax-payer may take his own team and tools and work the road through his farm at a time when it suits him to do so. Have him at once hand to his local road supervisor an itemized statement of the work done. When the supervisor looks over his roads he will agree with the farmer as to the proper money value of the work done and give him a receipt accordingly, not, however, to exceed his road tax, including both poll and property, or not to exceed a certain portion of his road tax, as the experts may determine would be necessary. Let the sheriff honor these receipts as payment upon road tax.

With this plan in operation there would be an incentive to do good work with little or reasonable charge. The farmer would invariably work the road when it was in order to plow and, therefore, too wet to work the field. At such a time a good team and plow will loosen more dirt than twenty-five hands when it is dry and hard will do with picks. When there is dirt to be moved from the drains on to the road bed, he would scoop himself with a two-horse drag scow (a useful implement on the farm) and with it move more dirt, and more effectively, than many hands with shovels.

In this way the work would be done with less cost to the county than in any other way for the two reasons that the taxpayer is building through his own farm and at a time when he cannot work in the field. He could afford to make the minimum charge.

The effect would be that when a farmer here and there should build a good road through his farm, his less enterprising neighbor would catch the spirit and we would soon have a network of better roads.

This same idea can be carried to a far greater extent, and the farmer encouraged to use the split-log drag, and finally to gravel the roads.

Of course, some men could not, and others likely would not, work in this way. Let the overseer employ them in the usual way upon the portions of road not otherwise worked. There will be plenty of work for many years to come for the convicts to in building macadam thoroughfares and doing the heavy grading throughout the county. T. IVEY.

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